Frank W. Mulford Secures as Absolute Divorce in Newport News.

HIS DIVORCED WIFE WEALTHY

Went Back to Her Father and Refused to Live With Him.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA. December 12,-An absolute divorce granted in the Corporation Court this morning to Frank W. Mulford from his wife, Preston Easley Mulford, closed a romance which attracted a great deal of attention broughout the State several years ago The divorce was granted on the ground of desertion, Attorney E. H. Wells, of Manchester, appearing for the plaintiff and the defendant not being represented

This suit has been pending for some time, but the parties interested, with the assistance of the court officers, managed to keep the secret, and the story did not become known until this morning when the decree was entered.

It was in the summer of 1897 that Miss

It was in the summer of less that are some Nannio Presson Easiey, of South Boston, Va., eighteen years old, a blonde and as pretty as a picture, came to this city on a visit. Mr. Mulford, who was nearly ten years the girl's senior, was at that time engaged in the real estate business liere and was prominent in business and social circles.

Eocial circles.

The couple had met before and during the young lady's visit they became engaged. An elopement to Washington followed and after a wedding tour, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Mulford returned to the city to make their home. 'The fact that the young wife was an heiress, being the daughter of J. W. Easley, of South Boston, one of the wealthiest men in his section, and her beauty and talents, caused her to receive no little attention in the social world.

For some time all went well, but after a year or two had passed there were rumors of disagreements. In 1903, Mrs. Mulford went to South Boston to visit her father and since that time she has never been seen here.

Soon after his wife's departure, the real estate and insurance firm of Mulford and Reynolds was dissolved, and air. Mulford went to Richmond to live. He is in that city now, being claim agent for

Company.

In his bill asking for a divorce, the plaintiff alleges that after leaving him in 1900 his wife wrote him a letter stating that she would never live with him again. The bill further sets forth that Mrs, Mulford is worth \$50,000 in addition to what she will receive at the death of lear father.

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Naimond James, a mulatto negro safor, belonging to the crow of the schooner Joseph B. Thomas, was locked up this afternoon on the charge of mutiny. The negro is alleged to have assaulted one of the mates. The schooner is in port from Portland to load coal. The prisoner says he struck the mate in self-defense.

The grand jury in the Corporation Court returned several indictments today. The case of C. E. Vaughan, charged with criminal assult, will not be taken up for several days on account of the absence of Dr. B. R. Cary.

FIRE IN LYNCHBURG.

Elegant Residence of Mrs. Mc-Mahon Destroyed.

Manon Destroyed:

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
LYNCHBURU, VA., Dec. 12.—The pretty
residence belonging to Mrs. M. V. McMahon, situated near the Virginia Christian College, in West Lynchburg, was destroyed by fire this morning, together
with most of its contents. The fire started when the family was absent from
home by a live coal falling from a grate.
The students from the college endeavored
to stop the fire with a bucket brigade,
but the blaze had too smuch of a start.
The loss is about \$18,000, with \$15,000 insurvance.

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falls.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Maddux, the hunt club and fully a hundred guests regaled themselves at a delightful hunt breakfast. Boot riders in pink coats gave color to a scene, which would have made a fine subject for a hunt picture.

Diving the regaleder of the month that

During the remainder of the month the hunt club will meet three times a week.

Southern Medical Colleges.

BIEMINGHAM, ALA., December 12.—
The Southern Medical College Association, composed of a majority of the medical colleges of the South, met here today in annual convention. Twenty colleges were represented. The first session was consumed in listening to committee reports and addresses. The most important matter to be considered is to fix the educational requirements of students applying for admission to medical colapplying for admission to medical col-

leges.

The annual convention of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association will begin its sessions here. These will last three days.

Bad Son and Good Mother.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SOUTH BOSTON, VA., Dec. 12.—Babe
Breedlove, colored aged fifteen, employed
as porter by Mr. Lawrence C. Insie, jewejer, relieved his safe of a little over one
hundred dollars in cash and checks, together with some jewelry, last Friday in
the daytime. He bought several guns,
some clothing and other goods from merchants and distributed the balance among
boy, friends. Breedlove's mother looked
into the matter and reported it.
Nearly all of the goods and money have
been recovered and the boy sent on to
the grand jury. The thiefs mother is
very much disgusted at her son's act, as
all of her other children have good reputations.

Fire in South Boston.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., Dec. 12.—The large grocery store occupied by J. D. Terry caught fire this morning about 5 o'clock and promised to be quite a big conflagration, but for the prompt action of the fire department. The block of buildings is owned by Bimondson and Shepherd, and adjoning the grocery is a dry goods store, while above is a large hotel. Loss is about \$2,500 on stock and building, covered by insurance.

Columbia Affairs.

WARRENTON HUNT CLUB.

A Lively Run in the Snow and an Elegant Breakfast.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WARRENTON, VA., December 12.—

The Warrenton Hunt Club had a lively run over the Lecton Hill farm this atternoon. The pack and the fox for the occasion being dispensed with on account

Joilet Set \$12.

This particular Toilet Set, consisting of mirror, comb and brush, is sterling silver, very massive looking, a new pattern in the French gray, This is a sample of scores of other Toilet Sets.

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END OF ROMANCE AND ELOPEMENT Startling OLDEST PRINTER IS PARALYZE

Thomas Jefferson Clarke, Son of a Revolutionary Soldier.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Mediterranean Tour for Rev. Dr. W. G. Starr Tendered by His Congregation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., December Mr. Thomas Jefferson Clarke, the son of a Revolutionary goldier, was stricken with apoplexy this morning in the office of the Imperial Hotel, but has slightly

of the Imperial Hotel, but has slightly improved to-day.

Mr. Clarke is in his eighty-fifth year, and is reckoned the oldest printer in Virginia, having served his apprenticeship in Elchmond nearly seventy years ago. His father was a Baptist minister, and served in General Washington's army. Catharine Wingfield, an old colored woman, was found dead yesterday morning in the yard of her home on Rock Street, having been fatally burned.

The old woman lived slone, and was visited Saturday night by charitable friends who made her comfortable. It is supposed that after their departure she fell asteep near the fire, which ignited her clothes, causing her to run out of the house in a furtile attempt to call aid.

MEDITIERRANEAN TOUR.

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A Mediterranean tour, including Palestine and Egypt, will be given to Rev.
Dr. W. G. Starr, pastor of Washington
Street Methodist Episcopal Church, by
his many admiring friends, who have
become alarmed about his health, which become alarmed about his health, which has been impaired by constant work. The plan was proposed without Dr. Starr's knowledge, and a circular letter has been fissued by a committee, consisting of Messrs, C. C. Alley, Walter A. Williamson, J. B. Worth and J. C. Robinson, with Mr. R. A. Harrison as treasurer, stating the purpose of the proposed trip and the reason.

and the reason.

It is planned that the tour shall be the Clark cruise to the Orient, which leaves New York on February 2d, returning

his friends.

Mr. W. L. Zimmer, Jr., was elected a member of the School Board by the Board of Aldermen and Council this evening. Mr. Zimmer succeeds Mr. George Mason

or Aldermen and Council this evening.
Mr. Zimmer succeeds Mr. George Mason,
who resigned several weeks ago.
Mr. Gerald Stratton was elected chairman of the Cemetery Committee, succeeding Mr. H. C. Jenkins, who has resigned from the Council, Routine business occupied the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen.
DR. BOND'S WILL.
The will of the late Dr. Hunter A.
Bond was admitted to probate to-day in the office of the clerk of the court,
Messrs. William Pope Bond and Kemper Bond, brothers of the testator, gave a \$25,000 bond as executors.
A threat of suicide caused the arrest of a young collector of insurance dues this morning. A vial of laudanum was found upon his person. The young man had been arrested for the same reason some time ago.

Geograp Stith Rolling, postmaster here.

General Stith Boiling, postmaster nere, has returned from Washington, where he went in the interest of a bill to be introduced in Congress appropriating \$50,000 for the enlargement of the Federal building in this city.

Mr. A. P. Vaughan, who represents the Galveston News at Houston, Texas, is visiting his father, Captain George W. Vaughan, who is quite ill.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

Class Orations-Comity Club. Directors' Meeting.

Directors' Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA., Dec. 12.—The
regular class orations of the senlor class;
came off on Saturday afternoon, The
speakers and their subjects were as follows: Mr. J. G. Jeffersoi, "The Value of
a College Education;" Mr. E. G. Gammon,
"Robert Burns;" Mr. F. C. Bedinger,
"The Two Brothers, John Paul Bocock
and Walter Kemper Bocock;" Mr. R. D.
Bedinger, "Opportunity—the Ancient Legend and the Modern Application;" Mr.
W. W. Anderson, "Origination of Ideas;"
Wr. John Gilliam, "Forest Fires;" Mr. N.
W. Kuykendail, "A Brief History of Gunpowder;" Mr. W. B. Mellwaine, "Duty;"
Mr. A. P. Scott, "Paul Kruger;" Mr. T.
J. Walkins, "International Arbitration;"
Mr. E. W. Wall, "Modern Russia,"
Some of the speeches were excellent,
and it was most unfortunate that the
inclemency of the weather kept many
away.
The directors of the Comity Club mot

Saturday afternoon and appointed a committe to draft a constitution for the club. Another committee was appointed to look into the advisability of altering the interior of the present building in order to make it more suitable for enter-tainments, pending the erection of the contemplated addition. It was decided to press the work of raising the necessary funds for this work and to continue the appeal to the alumnil

Professor W. H. Whiting, acting president, has returned from the educational meeting which he attended in Hampton.

Mrs. E. W. Venable and her sister.

Miss Jessie Skeen, of Covington, have been on a visit to Major A. R. Venable.

Mrs. Professor Henry Brock has returned from Richmond.

WEST POINT Y. M. C. A.

Preliminary Organization Formed-Course of Lectures. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WEST POINT, December 12,-For some

WEST POINT, December 12.—For some time the men of this town have been holding prayer meetings in Owen's Hall every Sunday afternoon, with fine attendance looking to the organization of a Young Men's Christian Association yesterday. The organization was perfected so far as electing officers and appointing committees, The officers are as follows: Mr. Robert G. Carden, president; Rev. J. F. Cuthriel, vice-president; Mr. Clyde DeFarges, secretary; Mr. A. F. Smither, treasurer; Messrs, H. I. Lowis, J. F. Cuthriel and A. Julian Bagby were appointed to obtain a charter. There were between forty and fifty to join. The outlook is bright.

The Richmond College faculty have agreed to give a compilmentary course

Sterling Match Safes, \$1.50. Sterling Silver Rattles, \$2.50, and so for the rest. agreed to give a complimentary course of lectures in the Baptist Church here this session. Professor Foushee gave the first, "Pompel," Friday night. The house was crowded,

West Point is wrapped in snow and the weather, is very cold. Seth Thomas

weather is very cold

STRUCK BY TRAIN.

A Prominent Man of Buckingham Seriously Injured.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., Dec. 12,-While on their way to Farmville yesterday afternoon, Mr. L. D. Jones, a prominent citizen of Buckingham county, and his sou, Mr. Louls D. Jones, Jr., mat with an acch dent which came very near costing them their lives. As it was, the old centleman was quite seriously injured. They were in a bugsy coming to town to take the

FORFEITED HIS BOND.

May Have to Pay Ten Thousand on Powell's Account.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 12.—The bondsmer of J. B. Powell, under indictment in the United States Court in Raleigh for alleged fraudulent use of the mails who did not appear for trial last week because of his filmess from sciatica, may icse their securities. Powell was arrested late Saturday afternoon at his home, in Freemason Street, upon a warrant issued by United States Commissioner George E. Bowden, and removed to the city jell. His bondsman, Mosars, George McKlimmie and John Stroud, of Norfolk, declined to stand for Powell any longer, as their \$10,000 had already been technically forfoited by his failure to appear in Raleigh for trial.

It was said on Saturday night that no effort would be made to collect on the bond in case the bondsmen delivered Powell into custody, and this is understood to have been the motive for his arrest. Today at the Federal building it was said, however, that nothing was known there of any such understanding, and that as the bond had been declared forfeited, the government would proceed to collect it unless the reasons for Powell's failure to appear for the trial were satisfactory to the court.

Under the new warrant issued on Saterday.

appear for the trial were satisfactory to the court. Under the new warrant issued on Satu-urday it will be necessary to extradite the prisoner, and this will be done by Judge Waddill when he comes to Norfolk next Wednesday.

VIRGINIA

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA. Dec. 12.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Standard Brick Cumpany was hid here.
this afternoon and the fellowing director.

ins afternoon and the following directo & were elected: Park agnew, 1. L. Holbrook, Fred Mertens William A. Richards, Walter T. Rogers, William T. Walker and Henry P. West.

BRISTOL, VA.—Fire has been kindied in the iron furnace at Embreeville, Tenn., and within a few days that plant will be precuously 160 40ns of pig fron daily. The Exited furnace will go into blast this week, and will yield 150 tons of foundry from per day.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA.—Constable W. C. Bond, of Orange county, arrested late Saturday evening George Davenport and Lewis Davenport, two brothers, aged 21 and 23 years, on the charge of being incelleated in the murder of John Hume, who was found dead near the roadside in the vicinity of Rhoadsville, in Orange county, several weeks ago. The prisoners were taken to Orange Courthouse for trial.

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NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—The Hampton Roads Railway and Electric Company ran its first our into Old Point yesterdy morning. The car crossed the trestle, at 10 o'clock and since that time a regular schedule has been maintained. The terminus of the line is at the Sherwood Hotel. The company has been fighting to get into the government reservation for two or three years.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—The cruiser San Francisco arrived at Old Point at 5 o'clock this morning from Gibraltar. She will proceed to Norfolk, where a board of inspection and survey will go aboard her, and are expected to complete their work this worning from Newada passed up the roads this morning for Norfolk.

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ELECTED DEMOCRAT.

Colored Man Running in Mock Election Wins by Big Vote.

The colored population of Richmond were determined that they would vote for a President of these United States in spite of the new Constitution Last night the vote was cast at True Reformers Hall for the following candi-

Reformers Hall for the following candidates:
Democratic: For President, R. T. Hill;
for Vice-President, John S. Powell.
Republican: For President, Samuel MillHolmes; for Vice-President, W. T.
Wright.
Populist: For President—Samuel Miller; for Vice-President, Claude C. Brown.
Prohibition: For President, Nelson
Williams, Jr.; for Vice-President, J. H.
Stokes.

Each voter paid a poll tax of five cents which went to the First African Church Excitement ran high, especially when it became known that the Democrats were carrying all before them.

R. T. Hill, the Democratic nominee, was declared elected, having received

933 votes.

A. W. Holmes, Republican, received 744 votes; the Populist candidate received 109, and the Prohibition 203.

R. T. Hill is cashier of the True Reformers' Bank, and is popular amongst the colored population of Richmond. He was nominated by Thomas H. Wyatt, cashier of the Mechanics' Bank, in an excellent speech. excellent speech.
The First Church, received \$99.45 from

Nine Gold Rings Stolen.

A colored servant girl named Fannie Brackett was arrested last night and locked up in the Second Police Station on the charge of stealing nine gold rings, one gold watch, one gold medal and a 320 gold piece, belonging to Mrs. Lillian W. Stration. The value of the property is put down at \$200.



the mock election.

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STYLES

OUR SPECIAL PARIS DESIGNERS

The January cover design is a marvellously beautiful type of the American Girl, executed in pastel by George Gibb. The cut of it here can give no idea of lit rare charm or of the delicate coloring. We have prepared a separate "artist's proof" edition of this plate, for framing, It is exactly the same

Commencing with January, we will receive at least two hundred new models each month from our special Paris fashion representatives, than whom there are none better in that city. Their designs are exclusive. From these two hundred our New York

products of our New York designers. One-fifth as many more styles will be illustrated and described than

in the previous year—seventy-one in this (January) number.

A year ago there were no fashion plates in color—there will be at least three in each

experts choose the best for you, and add to them the

issue during the coming year.

And, to accompany all these extra illustrations, there will be many added pages of fashion information; while an equal increase has been planned in the articles on home topics and the literary features.

The Delineator's Colored Plates

have with this number solved the problem of perfect color printing at high speed. The speed is necessary when a million or more copies have to be printed each month; and in the past perfect printing has had to be sacrificed to some extent to the demand for quantity, and the immediate presentation of current styles. This is all changed now, and the color plates and cover design in this (January) number tell

their own story of perfection. The styles for the new year are shown in profusion—the newest millinery, the newest dress materials, trimmings, accessories—with hundreds of illustrations.

The Children's Department is a whole magazine in itself, with stories, pastimes and educational articles written and nictured by the marker writers and the forement illustrations.

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ON A SPEAKING TOUR

Faculty Will Wear the Gown on Public Occa-

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. VA.,
Decomber 12.—President Edwin A. Alderman is in Baltimore, where he went to
deliver an after-dinner talk before the
Baltimore Business Men's Union, at the
annual dinner of that organization, held
to-night at Hotel Belvidere. To-morrow
morning Dr. Alderman will return to
Washington, and at night will hold a conference with some of the promoters of
the proposed endowment fund for the
University. This conference will be held
at Mr. Page's residence. Among those
expected to be present are ex-Secretary
Hilary A. Hirbert and Mr. Robert L. Preston, both enthusiastic friends of the University.
On Wednesday Dr. Alderman goes to
New York, where he is booked to deliver
two addresses—one on Wednesday night
before the Southern Society, and the other
on Tueadny, the 20th, at a dinner to be
given at the Waldorf by the New York
Bankers' Association.

The president is accompanied by Mrs.
Alderman, and will be absent from the
University until January 1st. The Christmas holiday will be spent in New Orleans,
the former home of Mrs. Alderman,
It became known at the University today that at the innuguration of President Alderman, in April next, the members of the faculty will appear in the
gown, which will, in all probability, he
worn on all public occasions.

It is believed also that at future commencements the members of the graduating classes will wear the cap and gown.

Clark—Gossom.

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Clark—Cossom.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FRIDDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 12.—
Mr. Siduey R. Clark and Miss Elia Gossom, daughter of Mr. James C. Gossom, both of Prince William county, were married a few days ago at Antioch Baptist Church, in that county, Rev. W. C. Lowe officiating, Miss Ruth Davis, of Baltimore, was maid of honor, and Mr. Frank Gossom best man. The ushers were Mossrs, John Gossom, Herman Shirley, Randolph Smith and French Davis.

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